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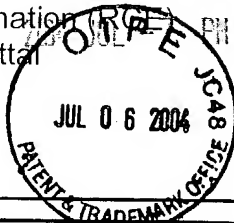
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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1. ☐ Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s)

- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendment filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

- b. ☒ Other Transmittal Letter and Petition for Automatic Extension; Check in the amount of \$265.00

3. ☐ Fee The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. ☒ Other Any deficiencies _____

- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 385 enclosed

- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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